

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending in the above-identified application.

Advisory Action of February 10, 2005

The Advisory Action of February 10, 2005, indicated that the amendment to claim 1 which changed the range to "greater than or equal to 77%" constituted "new matter". The Advisory Action further stated on the last page thereof that, "[O]riginal specification does not support the range greater than 77% in claim 1".

Response to Advisory Action

In response to the Advisory Action, it is submitted that the original disclosure of the present application fully supports the change to claim 1. Note that inventive Examples 5-8 each employ a dimple percentage for the contour length feature of 77% and inventive Example 3 employs a dimple percentage of 93%. In addition, the original claims recited a range of "greater than or equal to 50%". All of these portions of the original disclosure of the present application provide strong support for the presently claimed range in claim 1. Consequently, it is requested that no "new matter" objection be raised.

Basis for Removal of Other Rejections

In addition to the above, it is submitted for the reasons stated at pages 6-9 of the previous Reply filed January 19, 2005, that the present claims define patentable subject matter such that this application should now be placed into condition for allowance. These reasons are deemed repeated herein.

Fulfillment of Requirements Under 37 C.F.R. 1.114

In view of the above, it is submitted that this Submission fulfills the requirements under 37 C.F.R. 1.114.

Request that No Final Office Action Issue

It is requested that no "final" Office Action issue in response to the filing of this RCE and Submission since the new issue regarding "new matter" has only recently been raised and since there is no reasonable basis for making any Office Action "final". If the Examiner desires to make the next Office Action "final", or has any questions regarding the matters concerning this application, it is requested that the Examiner contact applicant's representative, Andrew D. Meikle, in order to conduct an Interview to expedite the prosecution of the present application.

Conclusion

If any questions arise regarding the above matters, please contact Applicant's representative, Andrew D. Meikle (Reg. No. 32,868), in the Washington Metropolitan Area at the phone number listed below.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a), Applicant(s) respectfully petition(s) for a one (1) month extension of time for filing a reply in connection with the present application, and the required fee of \$120.00 is attached hereto.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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